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2001/8
UNFPA information and communication strategy

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the review of the UNFPA information and communication strategy contained in document DP/FPA/2001/6;

2. *Endorses* actions taken by UNFPA to strengthen its ability to carry out the information and communication strategy endorsed by the Executive Board in decision 97/13;

3. *Urges* UNFPA to continue to build on its past experience and to continue to develop innovative ways of implementing the Fund's information and communication strategy;

4. *Urges* the international community to increase its financial support for the promotion of the goals of the ICPD and ICPD+5.

12 June 2001

2001/9
UNFPA strategic plan for HIV/AIDS for 2001-2005

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of document DP/FPA/2001/9;

2. *Endorses* the proposed substantive focus for the years 2001-2005 with respect to HIV/AIDS as set forth in document DP/FPA/2001/9;

3. *Endorses* the Fund's overall approach to collaboration and coordination with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the United Nations Development Group, and with other United Nations agencies and organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector;

4. *Recognizes* the experience and comparative advantage of UNFPA in fulfilling its lead role in implementing the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the benchmarks of the ICPD+5 and in making use of its extensive networks at the country level and, in that regard, requests UNFPA, in the context of the recommendations of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board,[1] to intensify its efforts and to take a more visible leadership role in the prevention of HIV infection, especially among young people;

5. *Encourages* UNFPA to build further on its experience in addressing gender issues, including the role of men, as an integral part of HIV-prevention activities;

[1] As contained under agenda item 2 of the United Nations System Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS for 2001-2005 in the report of the Executive Director of UNAIDS on the eleventh meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board.

6. *Also encourages* all Governments to support the efforts of UNFPA by increasing their commitment, including financial commitment, to curb and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS in programme countries.

14 June 2001

2001/10
Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (DP/2001/19);

2. *Also takes note* of the fact that a drawdown from the operational reserve of the United Nations Office for Project Services was effected in 2000, in the amount of $6.8 million, consisting of previously approved non-recurring expenditures of $3.0 million and a shortfall in 2000 income of $3.8 million;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services to keep the parameters of the Office's financial model under close review and report on trends at the second regular session 2001 as part of the report on budget estimates for the current and future bienniums.

14 June 2001

2001/11
UNDP/UNFPA programming process

The Executive Board

1. *Reiterates* that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations funds and programmes should be their universality, voluntary and grant nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism;

2. *Reaffirms* its decision 2000/12, and in this regard welcomes efforts made by the Executive Committee members of the United Nations Development Group towards further harmonization of programmes and standardization of procedures for their programmes;

3. *Emphasizes* that the programming process should be country-led and country-driven, and based on national priorities and needs, and in this connection reaffirms that the national Government has the primary responsibility for the formulation of the country programmes, in consultation with relevant United Nations agencies, including specialized agencies, and other relevant partners, as appropriate;

4. *Stresses* the importance of further strengthening the resident coordinator system through the enhancement of the collaborative partnership among United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes at both headquarters and country levels with a view to greater coherence, synergy and coordination;

5. *Stresses* the importance of a country-specific framework on which the United Nations Development Group partners would base their programmes with a view to enhancing the impact of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

6. *Encourages* programme countries that have already developed or are planning to develop a common country assessment/United Nations Development Assistance Framework jointly undertaken and approved by the Government to use it, on a pilot basis, as the common planning framework for United Nations operational activities at the country level, with effect from the annual session 2002;

7. *Decides* that:

(a) The common programming process will be based on the existing common planning framework and that the national Government will develop the country outlines of the respective organizations in consultation with relevant United Nations agencies, including specialized agencies, and other relevant partners, as appropriate;

(b) The draft country outlines will highlight the main components of the proposed country programmes, such as priorities, strategies, outcomes and proposed budget;

(c) The draft country outlines will be presented to the Executive Boards for discussion at their annual sessions, and where applicable, the common country assessment/United Nations Development Assistance Framework will be made available for information;

(d) The Executive Board will review the draft country outlines, upon which the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund will assist the Government in finalizing the country programmes, taking into account comments made by the Board;

(e) The country programmes will be posted by October of the last year of the country programme on the web sites of the respective United Nations Development Group partners and will be approved in January on a no-objection basis without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board;

8. *Requests* the Administrator and the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board at its annual session in 2003 on common tools to monitor progress and evaluate outcomes/results of respective country programmes with a view to further harmonizing and standardizing the programming process;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Development Group to refine further the programming process on the basis of the present decision, taking into account the comments made in the respective Executive Boards;

10. *Invites* the Executive Boards of the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme to discuss the programming process at their next sessions;

11. *Requests* the Administrator and the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board at its annual session 2004 on progress in implementing the present decision.

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2001/12
Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session 2001

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the annual session 2001, it:

Item 1
Organizational matters

Elected Ms. Ginette Lachance (Canada) to the Vice-Presidency of the Board to replace Mr. Grant Robertson (New Zealand);

Approved the agenda and work plan for its annual session 2001 (DP/2001/L.2 and Corr.1) as orally amended;

Approved the report of the first regular session 2001 (DP/2001/11);

Agreed to the following schedule of sessions of the Executive Board in 2001 and 2002:

Second regular session 2001:	10-14 September 2001
First regular session 2002:	28 January-8 February 2002
Annual session 2002:	17-28 June 2002 (Geneva)
Second regular session 2002:	23-27 September 2002

Agreed to the work plan for the second regular session 2001 of the Executive Board, contained in the annex to the present decision;

Held a special event on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Volunteers on 21 June 2001;

UNFPA segment

Item 2
Report of the Executive Director for 2000

Took note of the report of the Executive Director for 2000 (DP/FPA/2000/4 (Part I and Part I/Add.1, Part II, Part III and Part IV));

Item 3
Funding commitments to UNFPA

Took note of the report on the multi-year funding commitments to UNFPA (DP/FPA/2001/5);

Item 4
Information and communication strategy

Adopted decision 2001/8 of 12 June 2001 on the UNFPA information and communication strategy;

UNDP/UNFPA joint segment

Item 5
Programming process

Adopted decision 2001/11 of 22 June 2001 on the UNDP/UNFPA programming process;

Item 6
Internal audit and oversight

Took note of the reports on internal audit and oversight activities of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/2001/13), of the United Nations Population Fund (DP/FPA/2001/8) and of the United Nations Office for Project Services (DP/2001/15);

Item 7
Reports on field visits

Took note of the reports on the field visits to Honduras (DP/2001/CRP.6) and to Bosnia and Herzegovina (DP/2001/CRP.7);

Item 8
UNAIDS

Adopted decision 2001/9 of 14 June 2001 on UNFPA contributions to the United Nations strategic plan for HIV/AIDS for 2001-2005;

Decided to resume consideration of UNDP contributions to the United Nations strategic plan for HIV/AIDS (Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/36, paragraph 9) at its first regular session 2002;

UNDP segment

Item 9
Annual report of the Administrator

Took note of the annual report of the Administrator for 2000, including the results-oriented annual report for 2000 (DP/2001/14 and Add.1-3);

Item 10
United Nations Capital Development Fund

Took note of the results-oriented annual report of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/2001/17) and agreed to postpone consideration of the evaluation of the impact of the Fund's programmes and projects requested in its decision 99/22 to the year 2004;

Item 11
Information technology for development

Took note of the report on the role of UNDP in information technology for development (DP/2001/CRP.8);

Item 12
Financial resources

Took note of the report on the status of regular funding commitments to UNDP and its associated funds and programmes (DP/2001/18) and the update on funding commitments (DP/2001/CRP.9);

Took note of the report on issues and principles for possible improvements in the present arrangements for programme financing (DP/2001/CRP.10);

Item 13
Programme cooperation frameworks and related matters

Took note of the report on the options for new UNDP country programming instruments (DP/2001/CRP.11);

Approved the following country cooperation frameworks:

Second country cooperation framework for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	DP/CCF/MCD/2
Second country cooperation framework for Tajikistan	DP/CCF/TAJ/2

Approved the second extension of the first country cooperation framework for Ukraine (DP/CCF/UKR/1/Ext.II);

Took note of the following extensions of country cooperation frameworks:

First extension of the first country cooperation framework for Algeria	DP/CCF/ALG/1/Ext.I
First extension of the first country cooperation framework for Lesotho	DP/CCF/LES/1/Ext.I
First extension of the first country cooperation framework for Namibia	DP/CCF/NAM/1/Ext.I

Item 14
United Nations Office for Project Services

Adopted decision 2001/10 of 14 June 2001 on the annual report of the UNOPS Executive Director (DP/2001/19);

Item 15
Evaluation

Decided to take up consideration of the evaluation of non-core funding resources (DP/2001/CRP.12) and the evaluation of direct execution (DP/2001/CRP.13) at its second regular session 2001;

Decided to postpone consideration of the overall relationship between UNDP and UNOPS to its second regular session 2001;

Item 16
Other matters

Took note of the oral report on the outcome of the third meeting of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health, which took place on 19-20 April 2001;

Took note of the decisions of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries adopted at its twelfth session, 29 May-1 June 2001.

22 June 2001

Tentative work plan
Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA
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(10-14 September 2001)

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Monday, 10 Sept.	a.m.	1	Organizational matters - Adoption of report of the annual session 2001 - Streamlining of documentation - List of items for 2002
		2	UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters - Annual review of the financial situation - Biennial budget estimates for 2002-2003 - Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on biennial budget estimates for 2002-2003
	p.m.	2	UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (continued)
Tuesday, 11 Sept.	a.m.	4	UNDP: Multi-year funding framework - Updated resources allocation (dec.99/23 and 99/12) and revised integrated resources framework
		8	UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters - Biennial support budget for 2002-2003 - Annual financial review 2000 - Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the UNFPA estimates for the biennial support budget for 2002-2003
	p.m.	8	UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (continued)
Wednesday, 12 Sept.	a.m.	6	UNOPS: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters - Budget estimates for 2002-2003 - Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on budget estimates for 2002-2003 - Annual review of the financial situation
	p.m.	6	UNOPS: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (continued) - Report on the implementation of recommendations of the evaluation of the relationship between UNDP and UNOPS
		4	UNDP: Evaluation - Annual report of the Administrator on evaluation - Evaluation of non-core funding resources and direct execution
Thursday, 13 Sept.	a.m.	4	UNDP: Evaluation (continued)
	p.m.	5	UNDP: Country programmes and related matters
Friday, 14 Sept.	a.m.	7	UNFPA: Country programmes and related matters
	p.m.	9	Other matters
			Pending decisions
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